

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff,

v.

TOLOTTI et al.,

Defendants.

3:15-cv-00630-RCJ-VPC

ORDER

This action is a *pro se* civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by former inmate of the Nevada Department of Corrections. On July 14, 2016, the Court issued an order dismissing the complaint with leave to amend. (ECF No. 6). On July 18, 2016, the Court clarified Plaintiff's timetable to file an amended complaint by directing any amended complaint to be filed within thirty days of the entry of that order. (ECF No. 8 at 2:12-15). The thirty-day period has now expired, and Plaintiff has not filed an amended complaint or otherwise responded to the Court's order.

District courts have the inherent power to control their dockets and "[i]n the exercise of that power, they may impose sanctions including, where appropriate . . . dismissal" of a case. *Thompson v. Hous. Auth. of City of Los Angeles*, 782 F.2d 829, 831 (9th Cir. 1986). A court may dismiss an action, with prejudice, based on a party's failure to prosecute an action, failure to obey a court order, or failure to comply with local rules. See *Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53-54 (9th Cir. 1995) (dismissal for noncompliance with local rule); *Ferdik*

1 v. *Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258, 1260-61 (9th Cir. 1992) (dismissal for failure to comply with an
2 order requiring amendment of complaint); *Carey v. King*, 856 F.2d 1439, 1440-41 (9th Cir.
3 1988) (dismissal for failure to comply with local rule requiring *pro se* plaintiffs to keep court
4 apprised of address); *Malone v. U.S. Postal Service*, 833 F.2d 128, 130 (9th Cir. 1987)
5 (dismissal for failure to comply with court order); *Henderson v. Duncan*, 779 F.2d 1421, 1424
6 (9th Cir. 1986) (dismissal for lack of prosecution and failure to comply with local rules).

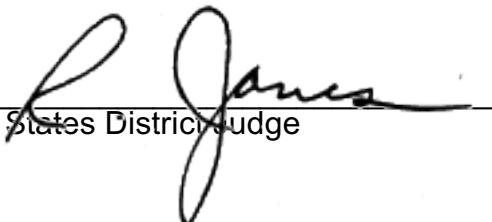
7 In determining whether to dismiss an action for lack of prosecution, failure to obey a
8 court order, or failure to comply with local rules, the court must consider several factors: (1)
9 the public's interest in expeditious resolution of litigation; (2) the court's need to manage its
10 docket; (3) the risk of prejudice to the defendants; (4) the public policy favoring disposition of
11 cases on their merits; and (5) the availability of less drastic alternatives. *Thompson*, 782 F.2d
12 at 831; *Henderson*, 779 F.2d at 1423-24; *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 130; *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1260-
13 61; *Ghazali*, 46 F.3d at 53.

14 In the instant case, the Court finds that the first two factors, the public's interest in
15 expeditiously resolving this litigation and the Court's interest in managing the docket, weigh
16 in favor of dismissal. The third factor, risk of prejudice to Defendants, also weighs in favor of
17 dismissal, since a presumption of injury arises from the occurrence of unreasonable delay in
18 filing a pleading ordered by the court or prosecuting an action. *See Anderson v. Air West*, 542
19 F.2d 522, 524 (9th Cir. 1976). The fourth factor – public policy favoring disposition of cases
20 on their merits – is greatly outweighed by the factors in favor of dismissal discussed herein.
21 Finally, a court's warning to a party that his failure to obey the court's order will result in
22 dismissal satisfies the "consideration of alternatives" requirement. *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1262;
23 *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 132-33; *Henderson*, 779 F.2d at 1424. The Court's order requiring
24 Plaintiff to file an amended complaint within thirty days expressly stated: "IT IS FURTHER
25 ORDERED that if Plaintiff chooses not to file an amended complaint curing the stated
26 deficiencies of the complaint, this action shall be dismissed without prejudice." (ECF No. 8
27 at 2:21-23). Thus, Plaintiff had adequate warning that dismissal would result from his
28 noncompliance with the Court's order to file an amended complaint within thirty days.

1 It is therefore ORDERED that this action is dismissed based on Plaintiff's failure to file
2 an amended complaint in compliance with this Court's July 14, 2016 screening order (ECF No.
3 6), and July 18, 2016 clarifying order (ECF No. 8), and for failure to state a claim.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall enter judgment accordingly.

5 DATED: This 16th day of September, 2016.
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United States District Judge
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